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Recently a book written by Lyman Kirkpatrick and bearing this title was published in the USA, Great Britain, and Canada. Numerous books, magazine and newspaper articles have been published on the sinister activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. One of the books on this topic — The Invisible Government — written by the knowledgeable journalists Wise and Ross, is well-known to the Soviet reader.

However, Kirkpatrick's work differs basically from all books previously published about the CIA: preceding works and articles were written by newspapermen and writers, by political figures and jurists, while the book under review belongs to the pen of a man who spent a quarter century in American intelligence and who for the last 15 years of his career was Inspector General and Administrative Director of the CIA. To a considerable extent, the contents of the book justify its promising subtitle: 'An Inside Man's View' of the Strength and Weaknesses of the Most Important Institution in Our Government.

The author gives us a step by step account of all stages in the activities of the CIA. In 1942, the intelligence agency that had been set up at the outset of World War II under the innocent name of Office for the Coordination of Information was divided up into the Office of Strategio Services (OSS) and the Office of War Information. The OSS immediately began specializing not only in intelligence but also in sabotage activity as well. The combination of cloak and dagger, of espionage and sabotage became a characteristic feature of all subsequent American intelligence activity. In January 1946, the Central Intelligence Group was set up to take the place of the OSS which was disbanded after World War II. In 1947, the national security law changed the Central Intelligence Group into the Central Intelligence Agency.

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